

DRAFT NOTES:
Water Management Coordinating Team Meeting – 9/16/99
9:30-12:30

AGENDA:

- **Update on Framework**
- **Proposed topics**
- **Meetings schedule**
- **Organization**
- **Workplan and Assignments**
- **Next Meeting**

Update on Framework:

Ron briefed group on the organization chart for Water Management Development Team (WMDT) and Coordinating Team (CT) Management Structure. He explained our charge: to develop a framework for the EWA and Stage 1 Water Management Strategy. The DT and CT need to address all of the issues. Our charge is to develop a framework for WMS/EWA to avoid problems like we had this spring. Need an early November report on where we are heading.

Q: Where does b(2) fit in? R: Other programs and Ops Group liasson.

S: ERP White Paper Group should be added as box like Conservation Strategy. R: Yes.

What is a “Framework”?

Everything short of a real EWA. Framework is governance, assets, who pays - but taken further than we have to date - feasibility of assets - a starting point. Framework should take us right up to implementation so that as soon as ROD is in place, we can implement. Framework is a clarification of need and issues - recommendations for ROD. More specification than we have provided to date. R: Framework should not be Day 1 - Stage 1 plan in detail - that is too far. Too many questions to work out. No one is ready to deal yet. There is no relevance to WMS goals. We haven't made water users happy yet. We have to work out too many details - the details do not have to be in Framework - only the essential elements.

C: We already have a framework developed. R: “We” is not inclusive enough. Many have not shared our vision. Concern that our group has been too far out in front on the EWA issue. This groups charge is to bring the WMDT and CT in tune with other CALFED programs. We have to get further down the road with the Water Management Strategy (WMS) and other CALFED programs. Furthermore, this CT group need to feel comfortable as to what is the Framework, and we do not. A subset of this group has move far along, but no consensus framework has been developed. All of the members of the CT may not be comfortable with these concepts. Information needs to be made available to members of the CT from the DNCT. The DT will have their own ideas. We don't have enough answers yet to define specific plan - need to define goals first in a Framework, then design details.

Q: What is role of CT? We support the DT - DT develops Framework - we develop tools for them. The DT will direct much back to the CT for review. The want CT to develop concepts.

C: DT will make recommendations - they won't be negotiating.

Q: Are we developing a framework for EWA or WMS? R: Both.

Q: Is it a single Framework? R: Yes.

C: We should design briefings for CT with the purpose of getting them to the point of making decisions.

S: We should brief DT on issues relating to Framework. Need to inform DT on conflicts and means for solving issues. We need to put issues on paper - start facilitating the framework for putting the plan together.

C: We need to express a sense of urgency. The EWA is need badly to deal with things like the delta smelt problem this spring. We need a framework for managing such a problem. DT needs to develop ways of dealing with such problems. A new approach is needed to handle such issues.

S: We could brief DT and individual members.

Water Management Strategy Draft Work Plan:

Mark Cowin described WMS development and presented draft plan to group. Expressed goal to integrate groups. CT would identify specific tools for Stage 1. EWA is one component of WMS. Within the WMS is an operational strategy of which the EWA is a major component. Three primary objectives: 1) water supply reliability; 2) utility - water quality; and 3) operational flexibility for ecosystem and water supply benefits.

C: The delta smelt crisis will reoccur and we will need a tool to deal with it. Goals for EWA have not been worked out.

DT Briefing next Tuesday

Discussed what we want to do next Tuesday. BJ Miller suggested an approach to meetings schedule. He offered 8 meeting groups (each with one or more meetings.)

7. Discuss purpose, review options, develop process rules, provide background, adopt conditional principles of agreement
8. Discuss work plan
9. Discuss where they think we are going - CT listens to what DT thinks are key issues that they need input on.
10. DT takes on issues - topics.
11. Nitty gritty - CT comes in with report on assets - realistic Stage 1 assets and provisions for their use - a report. Another report on where the money comes from.
12. Discuss how to deal with issues - CT lays out options. Discuss areas of disagreement - need for more information.
13. Discuss details - ID areas of overlap with other programs. Sort out differences.
14. Break out champagne

Feedback:

C: CT could provide substance for DT - something to think about as soon as possible. Need to see how coordination will work as soon as possible.

C: We are developing an overall framework - we should avoid reference to water supply and focus on WMS as a companion to EWA. We should focus less on how WMS and EWA are in competition.

C: We have dual deliverables: EWA and broader WMS.

C: We should tee-up biggest issues - we should go over them before meeting.

C: We need to define the intermediate deliverable - the Framework for Babbitt and Davis - without the details. Get the Framework out - gain consensus - then work out the details. We only need an agreement in principle.

C: The Framework is a deliverable to Small Group not DT.

S: Discuss: 1) what is a Framework; 2) what is WMS in STAGE 1 doing; 3) what is an EWA. Provide two or three options for each question. Get them to decide. These should be discussed in Meeting Group (MG) 1. These are the crux of a Framework. We these decided we can go further.

C: DT will tell us our goal for a Framework and the comprehensive package. We should lay out options in first meeting.

C: We need to bring issues to a head early - explain tradeoffs.

C: There is a lot of debate on what is an EWA. Give them the options. Get their concurrence on what it is.

C: Concerned that the WMDT has yet to be formed. We can't expect them to get to decisions and big issues early.

C: Need to provide early briefing on the key issues - give them the general background.

C: They have little time so why not press them. What they have seen in press about EWA is wrong - we have to dispel misconceptions quickly.

S: We should be team building in MG 1. Get them in right frame of mind for later decision making.

S: Team building and a briefing.

S: We should have modest goals for Tuesday meeting. Aim for presentation in MG 2.

C: We are not going to get a second chance to make a first impression.

TUESDAY Meeting

- Welcome statement from Lester - maybe even call from Nichols and Beneke - Focus on WHY WE ARE HERE.
- Background
- Get their input as well - Lester should offer. But only after some background.
- Lester will present the letter and org chart. (Two overheads) plus some background
- Open Dialogue next
- Catalogue issues
- Discuss schedule and content for next meeting.

S: Give them a briefing and discuss schedule

S: Distill arguments into options.

S: State what we plan for them in MG2. Ask them for topics and direction.

S: Catalogue issues and team build in MG1.

S: Get them to catalogue issues into three categories. R: Or we group based on their responses.

S: Ask Quinn and Spear to give background.

S: We should have a briefing team to structure issues.

C: Concerned about how we deal with poor response to the meeting. R: We need to brief those who did not attend.

S: We need to turn around notes from MG meetings quickly.

Draft MG2 presentation

- Review in next Thursday meeting.

Next CT Meeting

- Every Thursday morning.